
Subject: Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Tue, 06 Sep 2005 00:52:11 GMT

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ToXiN wrote on Mon, 05 September 2005 13:24Uh, superflying<insert-witty-object-here>, you do realize that "60%" funding cut is not at all correct if you're talking about the Army Engineers Corps who build and maintain the levees in places like that. The cuts made by Bush were 7% and 13% in budget for the Corp, plus you have to remember that it's practically tradition for presidents to fuck around with the Corps budgets, Reagen did it, Clinton did it, Bush did it. Hell, blame all of them rather than picking on the one currently in charge.

"Natural and man-made defences have long been neglected. A 10-year plan to strengthen levees after a 1965 hurricane was never completed. But the skimping has worsened since President Bush's election, particularly after 11 September. Federal spending on flood control in south-east Louisiana has been cut by almost half since 2001, from \$69m (£34.5m) per year to \$36.5m. Funds for work at Lake Pontchartrain, the source of the flooding, have fallen by nearly two-thirds over three years, from \$14.25m to \$5.7m. As a result, work on New Orleans' east bank hurricane levees stopped last summer for the first time in 37 years.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, which maintains the levees, requested \$27m this year for hurricane protection around the lake. President Bush tried to cut this to \$3.9m, although Congress allowed \$5.7m. The President also tried to cut \$78m to improve drainage and prevent flooding in the city to \$30m, though Congress passed \$36.5m. A \$14bn longer-term project to restore marshes was cut to \$570m."

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/americas/article310195.e ce>

60% was a rough number, the multiple real ones are above and below that.

Additionally, are you suggesting Clinton, Reagan, and Bush Sr. cut big numbers out of the Corps of Engineers?

ToxinI suggest you go read up on your arguements before you make them. It helps when you don't look like a blubbering idiot.

You too.

ToxinOh and could I just say, that even Clinton pretty much said that at times like this the one thing to do is put politics aside till it's all sorted out? You do realize that it's people like you who slow the process down, eventually you'll turn in to that person if you were in government that wants everything checked three times and everything would have to go the longest route possible just to satisfy your petty little political needs.

What do you suggest should be done in times like this when people make incredible mistakes, like the Director of FEMA and George Bush? Should we just forget about it because people are suffering for it? I can donate to the Red Cross and, get this, criticise George Bush's negligent actions at the same time.

ToxinOh, I feel obliged to remind you, that twenty years from now when the world has gone to hell in a hand basket and all your liberalistic ideals have been passed as law... you'll be a conservative, you'll have found your comfort zone with the world and suddenly you'll become the person arguing the conservative view.

...wtf?

Need I remind you that the core liberal ideals are basically everyone gets health care and every worker gets a living wage? I suppose you wouldn't get to go take advantage of poverty-stricken U.S. and overseas workers by buying from Wal-Mart. Too bad.

ToxinAnyway, did anyone see the civilian helicopter that crashed over the weekend apparently? Bad looking stuff that. Sadly I figure it won't be the last one to go down.

Yeah, but I think I heard everyone got out safe. Those Seakings are built tough.

"And so many of the people in the arena here, you know, were underprivileged anyway, so this (she chuckled slightly)--this is working very well for them."

-Former First Lady Barbara Bush, after visiting refugees at the Houston Astrodome.
